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Belt Public Library

BTOP Public Computing Center Goals and Objectives

Montana's project promotes three BTOP statutory purposes:

- 1) provide improved access to broadband service to consumers residing in under-served areas of the country;
- 2) provide broadband education, awareness, training, access, equipment, and support to libraries; and,
- 3) stimulate the demand for broadband, economic growth, and job creation.

Objectives

- 1) increase broadband speeds at participating libraries up to 21 mbps;
- 2) cut wait times in half by increasing the total number of workstations and expanding library operation hours;
- 3) improve access by purchasing ADA compliant software, hardware, and furniture, and through minor renovation projects aimed at increasing accessibility of computing center facilities;
- 4) offer courses to increase computer literacy; and
- 5) provide Internet and library resources to rural Montana using a mobile computer lab.

Successes

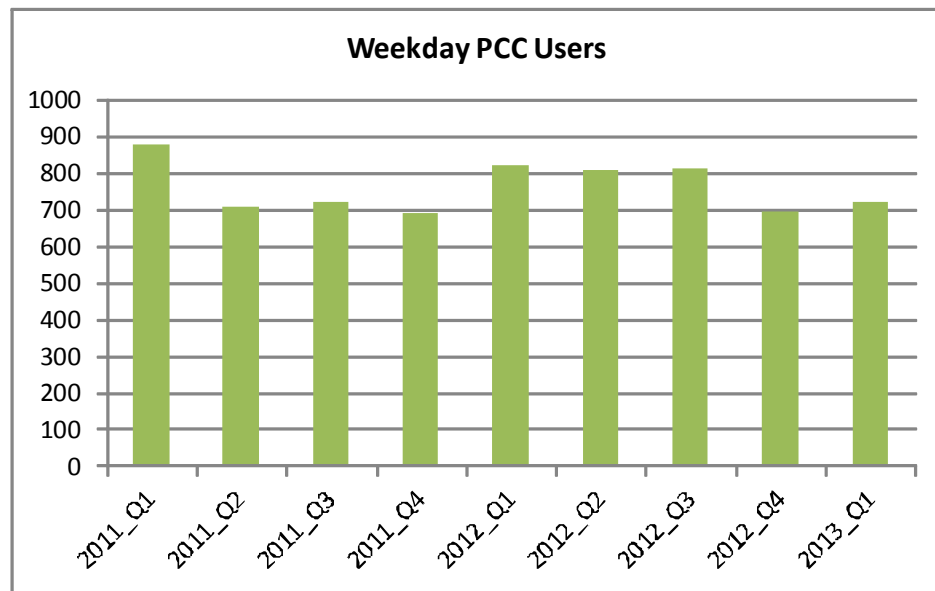
Internet Service Provider	Original Broadband Speed	Current Speed (mbps)
3 Rivers	3.00	6.00

Belt Public Library Computing Center Now Offers...

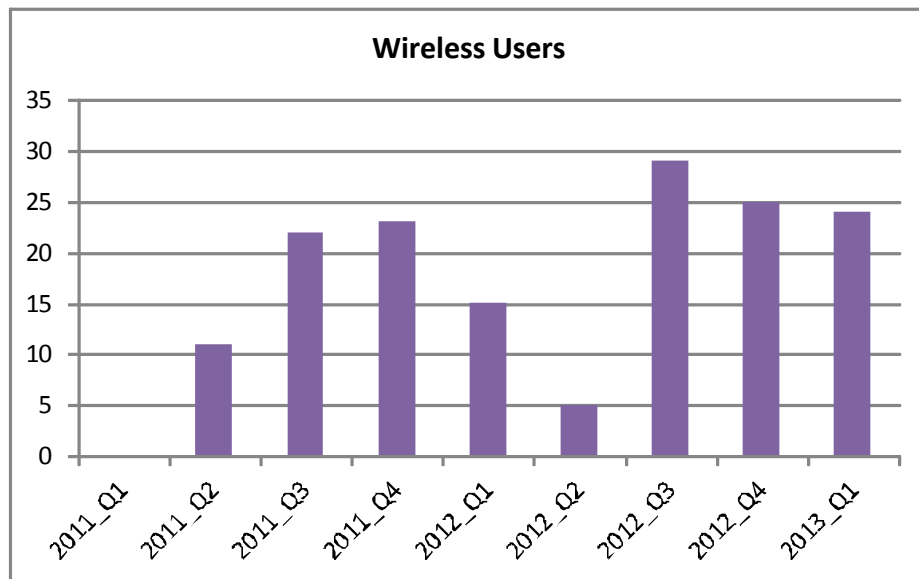
- ◆ 2 desktop computers
- ◆ 1 children's computer
- ◆ 4 laptop computers
- ◆ 2 LaserJet printers
- ◆ ZoomText 10 low vision software
- ◆ ZoomText Camera with stand
- ◆ 1 low vision keyboard
- ◆ 1 low dexterity mouse
- ◆ 7 headphone sets
- ◆ 2 privacy screens
- ◆ iPad
- ◆ Kindle Keyboard
- ◆ Kindle Fire
- ◆ Nook Tablet
- ◆ Samsung Galaxy Tab
- ◆ Google Nexus
- ◆ Coby Snapp digital video camera

- > Taught a man how to use the internet for job search, type resume and submit for job openings. Gave him thumb drive on which to store his resume and explained how it is used. Showed him other features on thumb drive.
- > Distributed 15 thumb drives to participants in Cyber Safety Workshop.
- > Internet safety course with 5th grade students. After training, all students were given thumb drives and booklets about safety. Teacher sent an email to parents telling them that I had come and to look over the booklet.

Public Computer Center Usage



Patrons who have taken advantage of public wireless access



Benefitting from Technology Training

Length of Program (per hour basis)	Number of Patron Training Hours	Number of Library Staff Training Hours
18.25	64	4